Letters to the editor

Concerned about traffic conditions

Editor:

I am writing concerinig the hazardous traffic conditions in the town of Appomattox. Most of the problems are occuring at the intersections between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Why wait several years for a bypass when the problems could be corrected now?

The problems begin when entering Appomattox on West 460 at Armstrong Furniture. A traffic light should be installed at the intersection of the plant enterance and Highway 460. The light should be operated by a timer and programed to come on just before Armstrong's first shift employees are released.

The second problem is at the intersection of Highway 131 and Confederate Boulevard across from Appomattox Radio, Television & Appliance and Imperial Oil Company. It is almost impossible to enter Confederate Boulevard from Highway 131 most anytime duing the day.

Other problems occur at existing traffic lights. These are at Confederate Boulevard's intersection with Court Street and Church Street. It is almost impossible to make a left hand turn at these intersections. These traffic lights should be modified to include the green turning arrow. Appomattox is one of few towns that has not already replaced the obsolete traffic lights.

Another extremely hazardous intersection is that of Main and Church Streets. It's impossible to see oncoming traffic when entering Church Street from Main due to the building on the corner (Times Virginian Printing Corporation). At such an awkward intersection, a three-way traffic light would help tremendously.

I certainly hope that my suggestions will be supported by those who read them, especially by the chief officials who would be in charge of such improvements. Alleviating traffic problems should be Appomattox's major concern.

Sincerely,
Bobby Taylor

Thanks expressed

Editor:

We, the members of the Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted in making our golf tournament a huge success.

A special thanks to the Falling River Country Club, Steve Webster, Anne Kerr, Floyd Williams and Carolyn Coleman. Also, Brent Harrison, Robert Coleman and Jennifer Coleman, those of the board who made and handed out sandwiches and drinks, the PEPSI COLA BOTTLERS and all the players and sponsors who graciously came forward when we asked for their help.

One great big THANK YOU. Its because of all of you that cancer will soon be licked!

Sincerely, Murrell Ferguson, president

The Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society

Thanks 'press'

Editor:

At the beginning of this year, people across the United States began the celebration of Smokey Bear's 40th birthday. During the month of May, the Divisions of Forestry throughout the US began publicity for the sale of an "Official First Day Cover." This "cachet" includes an envelope with color artwork, commemorative U. S. postage stamp, and postmark in Capitan, New Mexico where the original Smokey Bear was found.

The Virginia Division of Forestry would like to thank the press for the excellent publicity. Our job would have been incomplete without it.

The Virginia Division of Forestry would also like to thank the residents of this state for their response. The people of Virginia enjoy low incidence of fires and low numbers of acres burned. This is due to their conscientious attitude regarding the preservation and management of the 16,456,960 acres of forested land in Virginia. The forest industry of Virginia provides jobs for 63,000 people. One of every six industrial wage dollars is paid by the forest products industry, which amounts to nearly $1 billion annually.

The proceeds from the sale of the cachet will be used for forestry education with emphasis on youth, and Virginia will greatly benefit from this program.

Those who have not had the opportunity to purchase the cachet may do so by sending check or money order for $2.50 payable to National Assoc. of State Foresters, c/o Allane Wilson, Alabama Forestry Commission, 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130.

Sincerely,
J. W. Garner
State Forester
Virginia Division of Forestry

BRETT MARSTON, CRAIG RANSON, Mrs. Kathy Molten, Bob Poole, and Curtis Moore are Appomattox 4-H Soils Judging Team winners during State 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech in June.

4-H team cited

The Appomattox 4-H Soils Judging Team won the State Soils Contest in late June during State 4-H Congress Week at Virginia Tech. Team members pictured above with Mrs. Kathy Molten, Graduate Student in Agronomy at VPI & SU are (l to r) Brett Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Marston; Craig Ranson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie G. Ranson; Bob Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Poole; and Curtis Moore, son of Mrs. Eva C. Moore.

In the 4-H Soils program participants learn to evaluate soil texture, structure, slope of land, erosion potential, and determine land capability classes for agriculture as well as urban uses. Brett, Craig, Curtis, and Bob will represent Appomattox and Virginia in the International Land Judging Contest during May of 1985 in Oklahoma City.

Financial support for the Virginia 4-H Soils Judging program is provided by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Oakville news notes

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Martin and sons Wes and Matt, have returned home to Memphis, Tenn. after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. Mr. Martin recently attended the Dallas and Atlanta Furniture Market Shows, while Mrs. Martin and the boys remained here.

Mrs. W. Clark Moore was the honoree on Sunday evening as relatives and friends visited with her at her daughters home in celebration of her 80th birthday. Hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marshall, Mrs. Jesse Campbell and Kathy Marshall.

Last week Virginia Beach was the vacation site for many of the Martin families, their relatives and friends. Among those from here vacationing were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin and daughter, Laura Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lewis and boys, Robbie and Josh and Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Martin, Robin and John Martin.

Mrs. Royal Moore continues to improve at Lynchburg General Hospital. Mrs. Ailese Drinkard and Mrs. Binford Phelps are patients at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Hunt Hamilton has returned home following illness at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Galilee church news

Father, open our eyes that we might see.

You are cordially invited to attend Homecoming Services at Galiee the first Sunday in August. Pastor Davis and a special chorus will conduct the morning service. Dr. Charles M. Franklin, choirs, and congregation will conduct the afternoon service. Franklin is pastor of Ray of Hope Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md.

The Hasadia Baptist Association will convene with the Triumph Baptist Church in Darlington Heights, Va. Gospel choruses, choirs, and soloists will be singing the latest Gospel songs. The sessions will be July 25-27 beginning at 9 a.m. For further information call 352-7881.

Mrs. Eva Allen of the youth department staff reported a trip to Lakeside this past Saturday.

Our sincere appreciation goes to all staff members and congratulations to the children.

Sister Mable Goode and Annie Harvey are on the sick list. Remember them in prayers.

Dr. Patricia Anne Isbell Adelekan, great granddaughter of Peter Isbell and cousin of Miss Bettie Davidson of Lynchburg, VA., were guests of Miss Helen Stevens and family. Dr. Adelekan is Head of the Department of Arts and Languages at Ogun State Polytechnic, one of the first universities in Abeokuta, Nigeria. While visiting here in Appomattox, Dr. Adelekan was completing research on the Isbell family for publication.

Brothers Tony and Herbie Allen recently returned from Chicago where they visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. Warren Tibbs and Mrs. Mickey Clark.

The First Baptist Choir of Appomattox accompanied the Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Jr. to the Tearwallet Baptist Church in Cumberland County last Sunday afternoon, and he will also conduct revival services there this week.

The Rev. Tim Lawing was guest speaker at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Red House, VA., this past Sunday morning. The Gospel Chorus rendered selections.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister George Harvey of Spout Spring who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Let us keep the commandments; remember and believe that God IS greater than any problem you can think of. Have a beautiful week - spread a little sunshine with a smile and a good deed. God is still on the throne.

Steadman attends conference

Richard Steadman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Steadman of Spout Spring, and John Clark, business teacher at Appomattox County High School, attended the 34th Summer Leadership Training Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America at Radford University, July 16-19.

Approximately 244 members and advisers, representing 63 local chapters throughout Virginia, attended the conference. The Virginia State Chapter of FBLA, the largest in the nation, consists of 302 local chapters with membership totaling 18,347.

The conference, attended by chapter members and state, regional, and local officers, was a program planning workshop for the 1984-85 school year. Training sessions were held in parliamentary procedure, chapter activities, business and community involvement, and Project ASK, Virginia FBLA's state service project.

In addition to study sessions, conference participants were involved in recreational activities including softball, volleyball, and tennis. A birthday picnic was held to celebrate Virginia FBLA's 34th anniversary and national FBLA's 42nd anniversary.

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Times-Virginian SPORTS

Appomattox takes tournament opener

The Appomattox Dixie Youth League All-Star majors Monday night won the first round of the state tournament, defeating Mt. Vernon 9-3.

Appomattox exploded for six runs in the first inning, which "deflated the whole Mount Vernon team," according to Appomattox coach Bob Hudson.

Timmy Austin pitched for Appomattox, striking out 12, allowing three bases on balls, and giving up four hits. Ricky Turner, playing shortstop, turned in two "sparkling" defensive plays for Appomattox, according to Hudson.

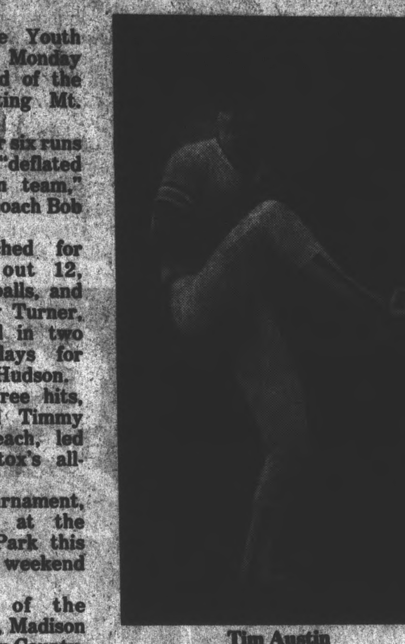
Mike Jackson, with three hits, and Gary Ferguson and Timmy Austin, with two hits each, led offensively for Appomattox's all-stars.

The start of the state tournament, which is being played at the Appomattox Town Ball Park this year, was delayed over the weekend because of rain.

In the first game of the tournament Monday night, Madison Heights defeated Nottoway County, 8-1.

Tuesday night, the schedule included Madison Heights against Franklin County at 6 p.m., and Nottoway against Mt. Vernon at 8 p.m., with Appomattox receiving a bye.

Tonight (Wednesday), the loser of the Madison Heights-Franklin County game will play the winner of the Nottoway-Mt. Vernon game, and Appomattox will play the winner of the Madison Heights-Franklin County game.



Tim Austin

The finals will be played on Friday or Saturday, depending on how situations develop in the double-elimination tournament.

Members of this year's Appomattox team include Timmy Austin, Tom Cobb, Ricky Turner, R.L. Waldo, Mike Ferguson, Gary Ferguson, Paul Johnson, Mike Jackson, Ron Guill, Ron Kelso, Monte Ferguson, and Curtis Pearson.

Coaches are Bob Hudson and Jim Bollinger.

Soccer: a safe game

Editor's Note: This is the third of four articles about the game of soccer. The articles are written by Bob Hudson, director of recreation for the Appomattox County Recreation Department.

By BOB HUDSON

Today, the United States is experiencing a youth soccer boom. There are youth soccer programs in all states, and soccer is one of the fastest growing sports because of this.

In large part, the soccer boom is due to the relative safety of the game.

Rough, unfair or dangerous play are strictly prohibited. Play in this manner results in ejection.

Since an ejected player cannot be replaced, this is a severe penalty. Usually, minor infractions are dealt with by a warning from the referee, but continued infractions will lead to the player's being ejected.

The main objective of soccer is to defeat the opponent by using skill and the help of teammates. Pushing, shoving and abusive language are not tolerated.

Because of this, soccer can be an enjoyable experience that teaches skills and sportsmanship.

For Cancer Society

Golf tournament raises over $2000

The Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society held its Walter Hagan Golf Tournament Saturday, July 14th, at the Falling River Country Club. It was termed a huge success.

Now an annual event, the tournament was chaired by Mrs. Dan Coleman and raised over $2,000. to help the fight against cancer.

Sponsors were as follows: H.H. Moore Trucking Co., Inc., Appomattox Hardware, Harrison Timber Product, Inc., Locust Grove Farm, J.E. Sears & Co., Inc., J.E. Jamerson & Sons, Inc., Amelia Dress Co., Inc., Conner Insurance Co., Inc., Jamerson Trucking Co., Inc., Traveler's Inn Motel, Wilbun's Super Market, Inc., Appomattox Family Practice Center, Appomattox Drug Store, Tom Moore Enterprises, Webb's Tire Co., Inc., Appomattox Office Supplies, Times Virginian Newspaper, Appomattox Truck and Tractor, Inc., Baldwin Garage, R & K Grocery, First National Bank of Farmville, Babcock Manor, Tolley's Market, Tolley's, Inc., John M. Fedison, D.D.S., Coleman & Sons, Inc., Appomattox and Pamplin Exxon, Robert's Covenience Market, Central Fidelity Bank, Guill's Market, Bass and Milton Construction, Co., Cardinal Chevrolet, Farmer's National Bank, Dairy Queen, Top Treat, Oscar Jamerson & Sons, B.G. Richardson, Sr.

Winners were: Ladies' LOW GROSS- R&K Grocery and Baldwins Garage: players were: Charlotte Wiseman, Bobbie Russell, Rachel Webb and Patricia Baker. LOW NET - Tom Moore Enterprises: players were; Phyllis Smith, Patsy J. Moore, Peggy L. Guill and Ginny Fedison.

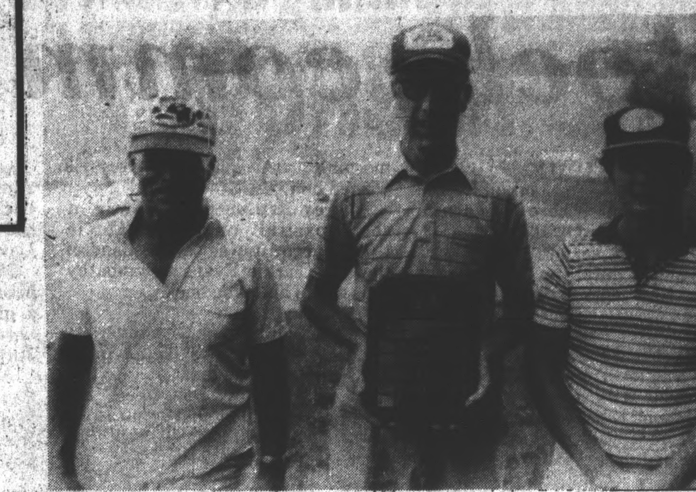
Men's LOW GROSS - Times Virginian Newspaper and Appomattox Office Supply: players were: T.T. Martin, Sr., T.T.Martin, Jr., James Paulette, and Sammy Carter.

LOW NET - Jamerson Bros. Trucking Co.; players were: G.H. Jamerson, Jr., Herbert Jamerson, Dennis Jamerson and Jerry Butler.

Assisting from the Falling River Country Club were Mrs. Dan Coleman, Chairman, Mrs. Ann Kerr, Mr. Floyd Williams, Mr. Steve Webster, Brent Harrison and Robbie Coleman who helped organize the women's teams and Jennifer Coleman, who helped post final scores.

All drinks were donated by the PEPSI COLA BOTTLERS of Lynchburg. All sandwiches were prepared and served by members of the Appomattox County ACS board.

Winners will play in the Virginia State Walter Hagan tournament. Men's tournament will be held September 11th and 12th. The date for the women's is not available at this time.



T.T. MARTIN, SR., left, James Paulette, center, and T.T. Martin, Jr., right, and Sammy Carter, not pictured, were Men's Low Gross winners in Saturday's Walter Hagan Golf Tournament at Falling River Country Club.

As baseball skipper

Abe Naff named to Ferrum position

J.A. "Abe" Naff was named head baseball coach at Ferrum College this week. He succeeds Charles "Rick" Jones who recently resigned to accept the head baseball coach position at Elon College in North Carolina.

Naff, a Franklin County native, is a 1981 graduate of Lynchburg College where he was an all ODAC and all Southeastern catcher. He also was captain of the Lynchburg Hornets Championship teams of 1980-81.

At Franklin County High School, Naff was team captain and the outstanding player for the school's 1977 state runnerup baseball team.

Naff began his coaching career at Ferrum College in 1981 and served as an assistant in football and baseball until 1983 when he joined the Franklin County school system as a physical education instructor.

"Abe Naff is familiar with the Ferrum program and helped recruit many of Ferrum's present baseball players. He will be a fine addition to our coaching staff," said Ferrum Athletic Director W.H. "Hank" Norton.

Football meeting set

There will be a meeting of the Appomattox County Youth Association Football Program on Tuesday, July 31, 1984, in the Appomattox Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

We would like to ask that anyone who is a coach or would like to help coach either the Football Players or Cheerleaders to attend this meeting.

If there are any questions, please contact R. W. Mullins, at 352-8660.

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